

## REMARKS

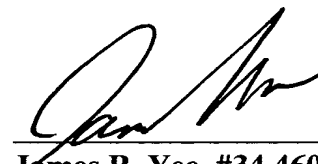
The present application is a continuation application of Application Serial No. 09/981,564 filed October 17, 2001. No new matter is added by this amendment. By this amendment claims 1, 16, 19, 32, 34 and 49 have been amended and claims 2, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 20-22, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 43-48, 60 and 61 have been cancelled. The claims remaining consideration are claims 1, 3-7, 10-13, 16, 17, 19, 23, 25, 28, 32, 34-42 and 49-59. Independent claims 1, 16, 19, 32, 34 and 49 have been amended to more clearly identify the subject matter applicants regard as their invention.

Applicants respectfully assert the present application is allowable and early notice of allowance is solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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